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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: ACTIVE MATRIX LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

9. A method of fabricating an LCD device having a common electrode, a plurality of scanning lines, a gate insulating film, a plurality of signal lines, a plurality of pixel electrodes and a plurality of pixel areas formed on a first substrate, comprising:
patterning a black matrix on one of the first substrate and a second substrate; and
disposing liquid crystal between said first substrate and said second substrate, wherein
said black matrix covers an area other than said pixel area and said common electrode
electrically shields said pixel area from a voltage of said black matrix.